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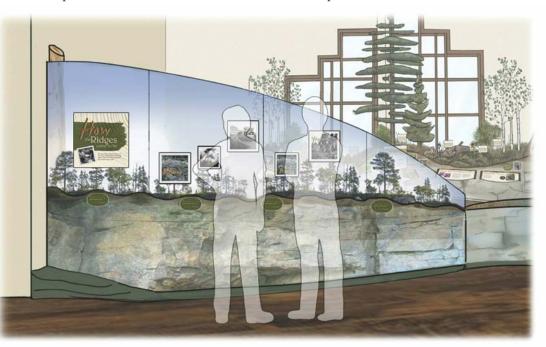
An Update of Ridges Activities

From the Trailhead

Happy Anniversary to us! In June we celebrate one full year of operation in the Cook-Fuller Nature Center, and what a year it's been! Since June 13, 2015, over 21,000 people have visited the Center. Most gratifying has been the response to the new facility from the members and donors who supported the building project from the early planning stages right through to completion. Their faith in this vision for the future of The Ridges never wavered, and we are delighted to see their efforts come to fruition. Baileys Harbor has fully embraced the Center, and we continue to find ways to partner with our community throughout the year. And, of course, we never tire of watching people discover this special place for the first time. We'll be open from 9 AM – 6 PM, Memorial Day through Labor Day, and we look forward to seeing you this summer!

On March 29 the Wednesday Crew, working in conjunction with Peil Construction, completed the main trunk of the **Hidden Brook Boardwalk**, connecting the new trailhead to the original 5-mile trail loop. The spring issue of *Sanctuary* tells the whole story of this extraordinary volunteer-supported effort. If you haven't received your issue in the mail, you can download it on our website at RidgesSanctuary.org/Publications/Sanctuary. Please join us for light refreshments and a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 1 at 10 AM as we observe the completion of this important project.

This spring **Split Rock Studios** in St. Paul, MN, was selected to fabricate and install our interpretive exhibits. Split Rock has built an excellent reputation within the museum and interpretive community for high quality exhibits and is active in both the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) and American Alliance of Museums (AAM). We look forward to working with them in the months ahead and anticipate that the exhibit installation will take place in November.



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Can You See Us Now? New Entrance Sign

Over the winter we've been working with JAG Outdoor Advertising in Algoma to design a permanent entrance sign for the Center. JAG, a family-owned business, was founded in 1946. They produce a wide variety of signs from electronic to hand carved, and many of their products can be seen throughout Door County. Supplied with a series of conceptual designs by volunteer Jim Tyndall, we met with Paul Wauters to fine tune the design and select a color palette. In order to best match the construction style of our building, we chose a handpainted, sandblasted sign. On May 12 the installation was completed, and we couldn't be happier with the results!

Volunteer Appreciation August 21, 4 - 6 PM

If there was ever a time that demonstrated the extent to which we rely on our volunteers and the enthusiasm with which they respond, it was the last 12 months! Volunteers have staffed our front desk, built the main trunk of the Hidden Brook Boardwalk, started the Upper Range Light restoration project, supported our Orchid Restoration effort, led hikes and programs, maintained trails, and assisted with mailings. And we're probably missing a few things, but you get the idea. All in all, these dedicated folks have logged a staggering 3,000+ hours since last June!

We invite you to join us as we celebrate YOU - our phenomenal volunteers! - on **Sunday**, **August 21**, 4 – **6 PM**, **at the Cook-Fuller Nature Center**. Enjoy a light supper buffet surrounded by good friends and good music! **RSVP by August 15**.



New Guide to The Ridges Sanctuary

Our new pocket guide is hot off the presses and available for sale in the Nature Store! The full color, fold-out guide features illustrations, popular and Latin names and brief descriptions of familiar plants and animals found in the Sanctuary. Many thanks to Visitor Services Manager Kate LeRoy and member Jane Whitney for the hours of work they devoted to researching, compiling and producing this wonderful piece in time for the summer season.

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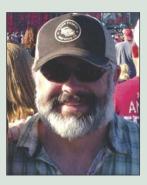
New Development Director

The Ridges is pleased to announce the hiring of **Drew Richmond** as our new Development Director. He replaces Judy Drew who is retiring at the end of May after leading our fundraising and marketing efforts for the past five years.

Richmond comes with years of fundraising experience for the YMCA. For eight years, he was the Camp Director for Camp Manito-Wish YMCA in northern Wisconsin. For the past four years, he has been Director for the Northern Door YMCA Program Center and, for the past two years, also acted as the Door County YMCA Development Director. He brings with him strong backgrounds in environmental education , fundraising and leadership skills.

We are confident that Drew Richmond is ready to carry on the fundraising and marketing

efforts Judy has so effectively established during her tenure with The Ridges. Drew will join the staff June 27 and looks forward to getting to know everyone over the summer months.



THE RIDGES SANCTUARY

Schedule of Programs & Events - June, July & August

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If required, register online at RidgesSanctuary.org or call 920.839.2802. Unless otherwise noted programs are held at the Cook-Fuller Center, 8166 Hwy 57, Baileys Harbor.

Trail Access

Sanctuary, Hidden Brook and Logan Creek trails are open for hiking daily, year-round, from dawn to dusk. Free – Members • \$5 – Public • Free – Under 18

Family Discovery Trail

June 4 - October 23, Daily, dawn to dusk

Exploration Stations include binoculars to observe birds, bug nets to catch butterflies, and a bone yard. As part of the McArdle Library and the Door County Library Summer Reading program, we're offering a StoryWalk. featuring Read What's in the Woods? A Nature Discovery Guide, by Zoe Burke and Charley Harper. **Free** – Members • **\$5** – Public • **Free** – Under 18

Guided Hikes - Naturalist guided hikes

Sanctuary Hikes June 1 thru August 31, Daily at 10 AM & 2 PM

A relaxing 90-minute walk on the trails. Learn a little about the history of The Ridges and a lot about the wildflowers, insects and other features of Wisconsin's first land trust. Includes access to the Upper Range Light lantern room. Appropriate for all ages. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

\$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

Discovery Bird Hikes June 4, 11, 18 & 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Saturdays at 6:30 AM

Join fellow birding enthusiasts for a morning excursion into the woods, fields and waters around Baileys Harbor. Beginners and experienced birders welcome! Bring binoculars if you have them or use those we supply. **Meet:** Ridges Cabins, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor. **Free** – Members • **\$5** – Public

Appel's Bluff Hikes

June 5, July 3 & August 7, Sundays at 2 PM

Explore this varied landscape featuring ledges, a hardwood forest, and open fields. Moderate to easy hike.

\$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

Photo Op Hikes

June 11 & 28, at 10:30 AM

Grab your camera or camera phone and let us lead you to some of the hidden treasures of The Ridges, including wildflowers, for photo opportunities. Easy hiking. Beautiful blooms! **\$5** – Members • **\$8** – Public • Free – Under 18

Not-So-Early Bird Hikes June 18 & July 16, at 9 AM

New to birdwatching? Take mid-morning birding excursion into the woods, fields, and shorelines around Baileys Harbor. Beginners are especially encouraged to come but all levels of experience are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them or use ours. **Meet:** Ridges Cabins, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor. **Free** – Members • **\$5** – Public

Logan Creek Hikes

June 19, July 17 & August 21, Sundays at 2 PM

Explore the beautiful landscape of this 170-acre parcel on Clark Lake featuring upland hardwood forest, lowland cedar-hemlock forest and frontage along Clark Lake and Logan Creek. **Meet:** Trailhead at 5724 Loritz Road. Bring binoculars if desired. **\$5** – Members • **\$8** – Public • Free – Under 18

Special Request Guided Hikes

Available Daily Between 9 AM & 5 PM

Looking for a fun family outing or the perfect activity for visiting friends? Call us any time to arrange a guided hike. Tell us what you'd like to see or learn about, and we'll take you out for a great experience on your schedule. **Please call us at least 48 hours prior to your desired hike date and time. \$5** – Members • **\$8** – Public • **Free** – Under 18

Natural Connections Nature Programs for Adults & Families

Guided Kayak Trips on Kangaroo Lake June 1 - August 31, Wednesdays at 1 PM

Experience the unspoiled areas of one of Door County's Wetland Gems with the help of a guide from Lakeshore Adventures and a naturalist from The Ridges. Your tour of the north end of Kangaroo Lake promises to be filled with opportunities to see birds, wildlife and plants native to this very diverse community. **Call Lakeshore Adventures at (920) 839-2055 for reservations. Meet:** Lakeshore Adventures, 8113 Highway 57, Baileys Harbor **\$55** – Per person (refundable if canceled due to weather)

Guided Kayak Trips at Logan Creek June 8 - August 31, Wednesdays at 8 AM

Bay Shore Outfitters and The Ridges Sanctuary have teamed up to offer a tour of The Ridges' Logan Creek property at the north end of Clark Lake. Your Bay Shore guide and Ridges naturalist will take you through several different ecosystems to observe birds and their habitats. If time permits, we'll take a short hike. **Call Bay Shore Outfitters at (920) 854-7598 for reservations. Meet:** Mr. G's Logan Creek Grille, 5890 Highway 57, Sturgeon Bay \$55 – Per person (refundable if canceled due to weather)

Wonders of Birds June - All Month

Visit the Nature Center to learn about birds migrating through and nesting along the Door Peninsula. Check our family friendly hands-on activities, new purple martin habitat or hike out to the bluebird nest boxes on the Family Discovery Trail. Attract birds to your own backyard and become an expert birder!

Wonders of Dragonflies July 9, Saturday - All Day

Throughout July our Nature Center will feature information on these and mysterious creatures. See them in action on the trails and learn about why our ecosystem is vital to the survival of this federally endangered species.

• On the Hunt for Dragonflies 9 AM - Noon

Ages 10 - 12

Kids! Refine your bug-catching skills and learn from expert entomologists. Capture and handle dragonflies, identify species and explore the fascinating world of insect behavior. A Backpack Adventure Camp program.

Meet: Ridges Cabins, 8288 County Q. \$25 - Members • \$30 - Public

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Wonders of Dragonflies, continued

Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Research Update

10 - 11 AM

The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly has been listed as a federally endangered species since 1995 due to loss and degradation of habitat, pollutants and changes in water quality and quantity. Representatives from the University of South Dakota discuss the history of Hine's research at The Ridges and throughout the Midwest, as well as the current status of this fascinating resident of our swales. **Meet:** Cook-Fuller Center **\$10** – Members • **\$13** – Public • **\$5** – Under 18

Dragonflies of The Ridges

1 PM

Venture outdoors with **Dr. Paul Burton** to learn about the dragonflies that make their home in the Sanctuary. You'll capture and identify different dragonfly species and have an opportunity to see Door County's federally-endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly up close! Great family activity with lots of photo opportunities. **Meet:** Cook-Fuller Center **\$10** – Members • **\$13** – Public • **\$5** – Under 18

Planetarium Party: Exploring the Night Sky

July 29, Friday at 11:30 AM, 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 PM

See the night sky during the day! **Paul Kinzer** brings his portable planetarium to The Ridge to show us the stars, rain or shine. The sun, moon and a variety of constellations are just some of the things we'll see. **Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 2392 Cty F Limit: 35 people per session. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED.** \$13 - Members • \$15 - Public • \$10 - Under 18

Wonders of Butterflies

August 27, Saturday - All Day

Visit our nature center anytime in August to witness live Monarchs at various stages of their life cycle and learn about this fascinating insect and other Wisconsin butterflies.

Monarch Madness

10 AM - 4 PM

Stop in Center anytime **between 10 and 4** to check out our interactive displays. Have you ever seen a monarch chrysalis or held a monarch caterpillar? We will have live monarchs for viewing and plenty of hands-on butterfly crafts. Great for all ages! **Meet:** Cook-Fuller Center **Free**

Monarch Migration Presentation

11 AM - Noon

The Monarch migration is one of nature's most fascinating annual events. Every fall, Wisconsin's Monarchs travel thousands of miles to a specific region in Mexico. Dick Smythe and Marilyn Hansotia will share their personal experiences with overwintering Monarchs in Mexico. **Meet:** Cook-Fuller Center **Free**

Monarch Tagging Workshops

1 PM & 3 PM

Every fall as Monarchs travel thousands of miles to overwinter, their migration can be tracked and studied by tagging them before they leave. Learn why tagging has become an important part of the conservation of this once declining insect. Participants will tag and release.

Meet: Cook-Fuller Center \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public • \$5 - Under 18

Lifelong Learning – Lessons in Conservation

Lake Lesson Speaker Series

Thursdays, at 7 PM

NEW LOCATION! Cook-Albert Fuller Center. Admission is Free.

Wisconsin's Spring Resources

Sue Swanson, professor of geology at Beloit College, addresses the ecological, cultural and economic contributions that springs make to the state's livelihood and the variety of geological environments in which springs form, with a focus on Door County's own springs.

The Revival of the Upper Range Light June 9

The rich history of the iconic Baileys Harbor Range Lights is intertwined with that of the Sanctuary. Recently the Upper Range Light has begun its journey toward restoration. Join Laura Davis of Isthmus Architecture, Inc. and Ed Miller, Chair of the Range Light Committee, for an overview of the recently developed Historic Structure Report and the future of the restoration preservation efforts.

The Ecology & Management of Shorebirds June 16

Bill Volkert worked as the naturalist and wildlife educator for Wisconsin DNR at Horicon Marsh for 27 years and has traveled widely in search of the world's birds and the wild places they inhabit. Join Bill in a discussion of shorebirds and the impact of long-distance migrations and changes in land use on their populations.

Fascinating Ferns of Wisconsin June 23

Award-winning nature and garden writer and photographer, **Rob Zimmer** has written for a number of newspapers and hosts of the weekly radio program "Outdoors with Rob Zimmer." Here he offers participants a chance to explore the complex world of ferns and to learn more about these stunning plants.

Identification & Control of Invasive Plants & Earthworms in Door County June 30

Kelly Kearns is the Invasive Plant Coordinator for the Natural Heritage Conservation program of the Wisconsin DNR. Kelly will discuss some existing invasive plants in Door County, as well as some potential new invaders.

From Market Hunting to Migratory Bird Preserves: A Century of Migratory Bird Conservation Efforts in Wisconsin July 7

Kim Grveles, an Avian Ecologist and Coordinator of the Wisconsin Stopover Initiative with the Wisconsin DNR Natural Heritage

Lake Lesson Speaker Series, continued

Conservation Program, will discuss the importance of the Migratory Bird Treaty to Wisconsin's conservation efforts in the 20th century along with what initiatives are in place today to address threats faced by migratory birds as they journey through the Great Lakes.

Preserving the Night Sky July 14

Light pollution caused by artificial light is an increasing problem in our ever-urbanizing world. The International Dark Sky Association began in 2001 and has been identifying places around the world that are significant in preserving dark skies. **Michelle Hefty, Park Manager**, and representatives of Newport State Park will describe the importance of the park's recent designation and the process to attain it.

The Geologic Environment of the Door Peninsula July 21

Ron Stieglitz is a Professor Emeritus at UW-Green Bayand has spent many years studying ground water resources of Karst areas. Join Ron as he takes us on a geologic journey through the Door Peninsula and shares his knowledge of the place he's called home for many decades.

Stargazing Basics July 28

Paul Kinzer presents a short program based upon his book, *Stargazing Basics: Getting Started in Recreational Astronomy.* Paul will give an indoor introduction to the night sky and the equipment used to see it. Binoculars, telescopes, and other equipment will be used to introduce people to the hobby.

The Impact of Karst on Agriculture August 4

In a limestone area, the hydrogeologist is thinking "karst topography" while the farmer is thinking "cursed topography." **Calvin Alexander**, of the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Minnesota, has spent many years researching and teaching how the human species interacts with this sensitive landscape to achieve balance and sustainability.

Birds on the Move

Brooke Bateman is a postdoctoral research associate at UW-Madison in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology who has focused on the effects of extreme weather events and climate change on species. Join Brooke in a discussion on how breeding birds in the U.S. have been affected by climate change and extreme events in the recent past, and how things might change over the rest of this century.

Paging Doctor Death August 18 Brian Hudelson is affectionately known of

Brian Hudelson is affectionately known as "Dr. Death" because of his love of plant diseases, and is the Director of the Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Join us as the doctor discusses common diseases in native plants and explains their identification and management.

Adult Workshops Get Inspired by Nature

August 10, Wednesday, 9 AM - 4 PM

Connect exploration into the beauty of nature with your own artistic vision. Gather at Woodwalk Gallery in the morning, then make your way to the Ridges to immerse yourself in natural inspiration. After returning to Woodwalk for lunch, explore different mediums to create an original piece of art. Wear comfortable shoes. Participants must provide their own transportation and camera/camera phone. **Call Woodwalk Gallery at 920-629-4877 or email magic@woodwalkgallery.com** to register. **Limit:** 20 **\$115** per person

Identification & Management of Plant Diseases August 18, Thursday, 1 - 4 PM

Brian Hudelson, of the UW Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic, will provide a hands-on opportunity to learn about plant disease symptoms, as well as a variety of plant diseases and their management. **\$10** – Members • **\$13** – Public

Backpack Adventure Camps

Still time to Register! Our day camp programs are designed to provide children with a safe, fun-filled experience in the outdoors. Camps are held each week in July, beginning July 5, and we still have availability in most sessions. Visit RidgesSanctuary.org for details. Register online or call 920-839-2802.

Ridges Naturalists: Next Generation July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Saturdays from 9 AM - Noon

Does your child have a passion for nature and an interest in conservation? We're looking for young people to participate in a variety of service-based activities to help protect The Ridges. Weekly topics:

- July 2 Art & Nature
- July 9 On the Hunt for Dragonflies
- July 16 Make a Difference for Conservation
- July 23 Wilderness Survival
- July 30 Orientation & Trail Challenges

Each Saturday will be filled with hands-on field studies and the opportunity to make new friends and meet others with shared interests. **Ages 10 -12**

Meet: Ridge Cabins, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor. \$25/Day – Members • \$30/Day – Members

Annual Meeting & Gathering SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 6, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

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Mark your calendars and join us under the big tent behind the cabins for this year's **Annual Meeting & Gathering**. Enjoy appetizers, wine and beer at 4 PM while Steve Leonard and members of The Ridges Board share the Year in Review. At 5 PM, relax and visit with friends over a delicious evening meal. **Tickets are \$40/person**. **Space is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot soon! RSVPs requested by July 29. 920-839-2802 or online: www.RidgesSanctuary.org**

Board Elections: This year Cynthia Crock and Tony Fiorato have been nominated to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors left by departing board members Lawrie Kull and Bob Ryan. Jim Flynt and Bill Wolff have been nominated for a second term. Please review the biographies below in preparation for voting.

By-Law Amendment to Voting: Members also will be asked to vote on a proposal to amend the current bylaws to permit absentee voting. Currently the bylaws state that voting members must be present at a meeting in order to vote.

Voting on board elections and the by-law amendment will take place at 4 PM.

CYNTHIA CROCK

After graduating from Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids, IA, I went to Iowa State University. After graduation I pursued a career in business, starting by working at Northwestern Bell. I began in customer service, then became an instructor and later a supervisor before switching to marketing. Following the divestiture of the Bell System from AT&T, I went to work for one of my former customers in the Los Angeles area and completed an MBA at the University of Iowa. I subsequently was hired into national account sales in the Chicago area corrugated packaging division of Weyerhaeuser Company where my client base included the Kraft Foods division of Philip Morris, Smuckers and Procter & Gamble. I retired from that position at the end of 2007. My husband Larry and I began vacationing in Door County in the mid-80s and moved to Baileys Harbor shortly after my retirement.

I spent almost two years working in financial development at the Y in Sturgeon Bay before finally deciding to do the things I hadn't been able to do when I was working. Since then I have been church treasurer for 3+ years, where I implemented QuickBooks for managing the church financial information and then trained my replacement. I also have been a facilitator for Bible study groups and have served as secretary of my Rotary club and on the PMF Sustaining Committee board. I am the "weakest link" in a string quartet with friends I have made in that organization. I have been on The Ridges Financial and Membership Committees and volunteer several hours a week the front desk.



TONY FIORATO

I am a civil engineer and have worked in consulting, testing and research, as well as in engineering and research program management. Since retiring, I've contributed as a volunteer to the technical and administrative activities of several non-profit organizations including the American Concrete Institute (ACI), a technical institute with about 16,000 volunteer members in over 120 countries, and also served as Chairman of ACI's Financial Advisory Committee which monitors the Institute's financial performance, reserve funds and retirement plan investments. I served on ACI's Board of Directors and as President of the Institute in 2004. I also served on the Board of Directors of ASTM International, a voluntary consensus standards development organization that has been responsible for developing over 12,000 standards including those impacting environmental sampling and testing, preservation and conservation and sustainability. I was a member of the ASTM Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and was Chairman of the Board in 2006.

I currently am Chairman of the Door County Land Trust Stewardship Endowment Fund Board of Trustees which is responsible for management and investment of Trust assets. I also volunteer with The Ridges Wednesday Crew.

Participating in ACI and ASTM taught me the importance of working with senior staff to set policy and strategic direction consistent with an organization's mission and of ensuring that the organization is focused on its mission, is well managed and is financially sound. The new Nature Center has energized interest in The Ridges and expanded opportunities for new programs. With new opportunities come new challenges that the board will need to address. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this effort. An Update of Ridges Activities

Restore the Range Light *Preserving the Past. Lighting the Future.*

In 2013, we successfully completed fundraising for Phase II of a three-pronged vision for the future of The Ridges. Phase II incorporated the construction of a LEED Certified nature center with interpretive exhibits, a comprehensive site plan for storm water management and a universally accessible boardwalk. Now with those capital projects at or nearing completion, we are ready to begin working on the third and final phase of our vision for the future, the restoration of a historic Door County landmark, the Upper Range Light, and its two outbuildings, the Oil House and Privy. Work on this iconic lighthouse is already under way with completion anticipated sometime in 2018.

Built in 1869 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989, the Upper Range Light and its companion the Lower Range Light are the only lighthouses of this design that are still on range and functional as private navigational aids. The current project will restore the buildings to the period between 1896 and 1923 when the longest serving light keeper, Henry Gattie, resided in the Upper Range Light. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$487,000.

This season the Upper Range Light will be open to the public (see tour schedule below so that visitors can learn about the restoration process, the fascinating history of the Lights and the stories of the people who called them home. We invite you to join us in this exciting project. Donating is easy! Use the form below and mail your tax-deductible gift to The Ridges, PO Box 152, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202 or donate online at RidgesSanctuary.org/Support-Us/Restore-the-Range-Light/

Range Light Tour Schedule Open Friday – Monday, May 21 – October 22 Monday & Friday Tours: 10 AM, 10:30 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 12:30 PM, 1 PM, 1:30 PM, & 2 PM Saturday & Sunday Tours: On the half hour beginning at 10 AM. Final tour at 2 PM. Free – Members \$5 – Public Restore the Range Light Preserving the Past. Lighting the Future. Yes, I want to support the work being done to preserve this historic Door County landmark and its surrounding campus.	
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Sneak Peek at Fall!

Natural Science Illustration Classes Registration begins Aug. 16!

September 3 Intro to Flowers September 10 & 11 Intro to Botanical Illustration September 17 & 18 Drawing Insects

October 8 Trees for Bees A weekend filled with trees and bees!

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